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LIVE FROM LOLLAPALOOZA

If you don't know who Ana Fernatt is by now, shame on you. She's a loyal RedEye reader who has volunteered to go to 50 summer festivals while tweeting it all from **@redeyellivetweet**. So if you're going to Lollapalooza this weekend, be sure to follow her on Twitter, and see if you can find her while you're there!

WANNA HOOK UP?



Welcome to the very first installment of RedEye's "Who You Vibin?" segment, where we feature Chicago's most eligible singles. This week: three bachelorettes who are open-minded, spunky and hilarious. Check out their photos and bios at **redeyechicago.com/vibin** and vote for the bachelorette you "vibe" the most. The girl with the most votes will be featured right here next Wednesday.

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To prepare

Buy or pick up Lollapalooza passes from 3-8 p.m.

Wednesday

and Thursday on Columbus Drive between Congress Parkway and Balbo Drive.

To network

Meet other professionals from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday during a Stimulus Social Club event at Market Bar (1113 W. Randolph St.). The \$10 cover includes a drink and appetizers, and all proceeds benefit the Chicago 2016 Olympic Committee. RSVP at **rsvp@stimulussocialclub.com**.

To enter

Sign up for a chance to win free maid service for a year and other prizes in the Ginny's Take A Break Sweepstakes. The contest runs through Oct. 30. Enter at **sweeps.ginnys.com**.


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CLINTON TO THE RESCUE

JAILED REPORTERS LEAVE N. KOREA AFTER VISIT FROM FORMER PRESIDENT

Associated Press

SEOUL Former President Bill Clinton brought two freed U.S. journalists out of North Korea early Wednesday following rare talks with reclusive leader Kim Jong Il, who pardoned the women sentenced to hard labor for entering the country illegally.

Euna Lee and Laura Ling were heading back to the U.S. with Clinton, his spokesman Matt McKenna said, less than 24 hours after the former U.S. leader landed in the North Korean capital on a private, humanitarian trip to secure their release.

The women, dressed in short-sleeved shirts and jeans, appeared healthy as they climbed the steps to the plane and shook hands with Clinton before getting into the jet, APTN footage in Pyongyang showed. Clinton waved, put his hand over his heart and then saluted.

North Korean officials waved as the plane took off. McKenna said the flight was bound for L.A., where the journalists will be reunited with their families. The White House had no comment.

Their departure was a jubilant conclusion to



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Lee

THE JOURNALISTS

Euna Lee, 36, a South Korean-born U.S. citizen, is the mother of a 4-year-old. Laura Ling, a 32-year-old California native, is the younger sister of Lisa Ling, a correspondent for CNN as well as "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and "National Geographic Explorer."

a more than four-month ordeal for the women arrested near the North Korean-Chinese border in March while on a reporting trip for Current TV, the media venture founded by former Vice President Al Gore. They were sentenced in June to 12 years of hard labor for illegal entry and engaging in "hostile acts."

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton had urged North Korea last month to grant them amnesty, saying they were remorseful and their families anguished.

North Korean media characterized the women's release as proof of "humanitarian and peace-loving policy."

Clinton's landmark trip to Pyongyang also resulted in rare talks with Kim that state-run media described as "wide-ranging" and "exhaustive." The meeting was Kim's first with a prominent Western figure since reportedly suffering a stroke nearly a year ago.

While the White House emphasized the private nature of Clinton's trip, his landmark visit to Pyongyang to free the Americans was a coup that came at a time of heightened tensions over North Korea's nuclear program.

« Laura Ling greets former President Bill Clinton on Wednesday in Pyongyang, North Korea, as they board a homebound plane. Euna Lee (bottom) and Ling, two American journalists, were pardoned from their 12-year sentences in North Korea. AP

Associated Press

Officials in Washington, D.C., are really getting into texting, talking and tweeting—and although it's probably not what you think, their interest could affect you.

On Tuesday, Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced he will convene a summit of experts to figure out what to do about distracted drivers—specifically, cell phone use and texting while behind the wheel.

LaHood told a news conference he intends to gather senior transportation officials, safety advocates, law enforcement representatives, members of Congress and academics who study distracted driving for the summit next month in Washington.

If it were up to him, he would ban texting while driving, LaHood said.

"The bottom line is, we need to put an end to unsafe cell phone use, typing on BlackBerrys

DID YOU KNOW?

- » A separate report by Car and Driver magazine found that texting and driving is more dangerous than drunken driving.
- » Fourteen states and the District of Columbia have passed laws making texting while driving illegal.

and other activities that require drivers to take their eyes off the road and their focus away from driving."

Meanwhile, over at the Pentagon, officials are reviewing the use of Facebook and other social networking sites on its computers with an eye toward setting rules on how to protect against possible security risks.

The Marine Corps on Monday issued an administrative directive saying it was banning use of the Marine network for accessing such sites as Facebook, Twitter and MySpace. The

order doesn't affect Marines' private use of such networks on personal computers outside of their jobs.

However, the service's computer network already effectively blocks users from reaching social networks, officials said. Marine officials said part of the reason for the new ban was to set up a special waiver system that governs access for Marines who need to reach the sites as part of their duties.

Deputy Defense Secretary William Lynn, meanwhile, ordered a review of both the threats and benefits of using emerging Internet capabilities, which the military has widely used for recruiting, public relations and sharing information with allies and military families, officials said Tuesday.

He said he wants the report by the end of the month on the subject and that the Pentagon will issue a policy no later than Sept. 30.



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An unfortunate summer break

My friend Brian and I were having the most bromantic summer of our lives.

Just two freshly single guys dashing around Chicago all summer with our friends, day-drinking, making fools of ourselves in front of girls, throwing footballs around in the street, seeing bad summer movies, and in Brian's case, dancing, dancing, dancing.

It was truly the Summer of Brian and Steve.

Then Brian broke his leg.

Now the kid is out of commission for six weeks, otherwise known as "the rest of the summer."

I feel bad for Brian—I really do. I visited him the other day and he had his leg in a cast propped up on pillows, painkillers nearby, smelling slightly gamey because he hadn't been able to take a shower since the accident (which was not dancing-related, although that was my first guess).

My sympathy for my friend, however, has a strong component of self-pity because, alas, the Summer of Brian and Steve is no more. Now that he can't walk to bars or the beach or the movies, there's really nothing the two of us can do together except maybe sponge baths.

But Brian owns only one sponge!

I suppose I can tell him I want to sign his cast and then write on it, "Injured While Murdering Kittens."

But that's really funny only once.

Maybe we could sit around on the back porch drinking beer and discussing the evolving absurdity—yet nevertheless awesomeness—of the "Die Hard" series, culminating in "Live Free or Die Hard" when John McClane kills a fighter jet with a big rig truck.

But that's something we would do anyway. We should really incorporate the broken leg somehow.

I guess we could play the game where Brian hobbles into traffic on his crutches, drops a crutch, bends to pick it up, and then drops the other crutch, holding up traffic while the rest of us hide in the bushes and laugh.

But that will probably be fun only for so long.

I suppose as Brian's friend, I should try to cheer him up, and—because I'm a great friend—I've already thought of the perfect way.

Guys, ask yourself this: If you've just endured a painful injury that has compromised your mobility for a month or more, what's the one thing that would cheer you up?

Yes, obviously, it's flirtatious get-well messages from women who would otherwise not care about you and your two functioning legs.

Women of Chicago: Brian is cute, funny, single and does not really murder kittens (that I know of). Send him your well wishes telling him how cute, funny and single he is. Let him know how much Chicago misses him, and I'll post the best, most creative responses on my RedEye blog, redeyechicago.com/offthemarkley.

Take that, broken leg! The Summer of Brian and Steve lives on.



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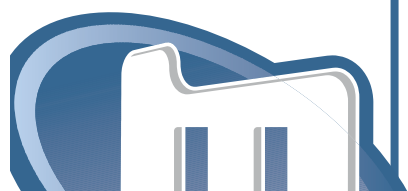
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High rollers

Searching for Chicago's hottest social scene? Look up—to the rooftop lounges

By **Leonor Vivanco**

REDEYE

The “ding” of the elevator signals the nightlife-seeker's arrival at Chicago's most buzzed-about destination.

The doors open. The sound of laughter and conversation is overwhelming.

The pretty people are dressed to impress. Women stand in 3-inch heels and clingy, cleavage-boosting dresses. They flirt with guys wearing designer jeans. Waitresses fetch cocktails. Friends pose for cell phone photos. Partygoers hang out in cabanas and gaze at the city skyline.

Welcome to Chicago's hottest summer social scene: the rooftop.

“It's definitely the place that everybody wants to be,” said Giselle Caamano, marketing manager of Market in the West Loop. The bar, with a sidewalk cafe, beer garden and fourth-floor rooftop lounge, opened in May. It offers an unobstructed view of the city's big three—the Trump, Hancock and Willis towers.

“As Chicagoans, we experience 9 to 10 months of really crummy weather, so any opportunity you have to be outside is great,” Caamano said. “With sidewalk cafes, you're dealing so much with people passing by or the traffic. When you're up there, it seems like a whole other world.”

In the past couple of years, Chicago has seen a surge of swanky rooftop lounges, especially at hotels. In May, Roof, on the 27th floor of The Wit Hotel downtown, joined Market in offering an airy venue where Chicagoans can mingle.

Last October, the Vertigo Sky Lounge at the Dana Hotel and Spa in River North opened on the 26th floor. C-View on the 29th floor of



Jareem Jackson (left) and Tanya Dawson share a drink at Roof, the 27th-floor lounge on top of The Wit Hotel that opened downtown in May. The bar features both open-air and sheltered seating.

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the Affinia Chicago Hotel in Streeterville and ZED451 in River North unveiled their rooftop decks last year. Other members of the rooftop club: Chaise Lounge in Bucktown since 2007 and Citizen Bar in River North since 2006.

More rooftop bars are planned. Sherife Jusufi, co-owner of Sully's House in Lincoln Park, said she hopes to open a rooftop by mid- to late September. Even though Sully's has a sidewalk cafe, patrons keep asking about the rooftop

deck, Jusufi said.

“It's some fascination with, I think, being in the sky, being just higher than regular street level,” she said.

It's the view that helps make rooftops a main nightlife attraction.

“I love that it's airy in here,” Christina Barajas, 25, of Romeoville, said while hanging out with her girlfriends on a Saturday night at The Wit facing Marina City. “You have such a nice view. I

Rules of the rooftop roost

Developers building rooftop bars have to jump through a number of hoops before the city allows them to open their space to the public.

The city's Department of Buildings reviews building plans to make sure they're compliant with the city's code, issues construction permits and inspects the site when it's being built and once it's finished, said spokesman Bill McCaffrey.

Safety requirements, which are the same for decks no matter how high up the deck is, include installing a

railing that is at least 42 inches high and strong enough to withstand at least the minimum pressure threshold, he said.

Before a rooftop lounge can open for business, it needs an outdoor patio liquor license, at a cost of \$1,760 for a two-year period, said Efrat Stein, spokeswoman for the city's Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection. It's a process that includes a 30-day public comment period and can take up to 90 days for the license to be issued, she said. **LEONOR VIVANCO**

Now for the rules:

- » No cover charge unless the venue has a public place of amusement license.
- » No live or recorded music.
- » Smokers have to be 15 feet away from any window, entrance or ventilation unit.
- » Must be closed by 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and at midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

GREEN IN THE CITY

Rooftops aren't just for partying. Chicago had the most green roof space of any city in North America (534,507 square feet), according to 2008 statistics from Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, an industry association that advocates for green roofs. City officials planted a rooftop garden at City Hall in 2000. Last month, Mayor Daley attended the dedication ceremony for the certified organic rooftop farm at Uncommon Ground's restaurant in Edgewater.

love the view more than anything.”

Bargoers can gaze at the stars too. A number of celebrities have been spotted at Roof in recent weeks, including Jon Bon Jovi, Richie Sambora, former Bull Ben Gordon, former Sox player Frank Thomas and basketball player Antoine Walker.

The rich and famous might get VIP access to rooftop bars, but the rest can expect to see lines on weekends and even weekdays for happy hour at the city's hot spots.

Sandhya Nagubadi, 36, waited in a short line last Wednesday night at The Wit. She said she'd stopped by twice in recent weeks but left because the line was too long. “They make us wait in a line more to hype it up, to show this is a happening place,” said Nagubadi, a physician who lives downtown.

Until recently, Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery, which has had a rooftop above its second floor open for 14 years, used to be the only game in town—downtown at least. “About three years ago, we were like all of the sudden, ‘Whoa, we’ve got competition,’ ” said Jen Thompson, managing partner.

For downtown developers, there's nowhere to go but up. “For the developers of restaurants, retail and hotels, everything's vertical,” said Marcus Marshall, director of food and beverage at The Wit Hotel. “Everybody's looking for space. It's not available at street level, so the alternate space is rooftops.”

The Wit included Roof—the hotel's rooftop lounge—in its plans in part because of the growing popularity of rooftops, he said.

The Vertigo Sky Lounge at the Dana Hotel and Spa was designed to appeal to both Chicagoans and hotel guests, said Gene Kornota, one of the hotel owners. The rooftop has indoor and outdoor space because he intended for it to be open year-round and guests can still enjoy the view.

“The idea was to create the feel of [being] in some rich friend's penthouse apartment,” Kornota said.

Rooftop lounges may be a bright spot in the gloomy hotel industry, which saw a 54.6 percent occupancy rate in the first half of 2009—a 10.9 percent drop compared with the same period in 2008, according to Smith Travel Research.

At one point, Dana Hotel developers considered just topping off the hotel due to rising construction costs, Kornota said. The idea was nixed, and business at Vertigo has exceeded sales projections by 50 percent, he said.

Rooftops often exude an air of exclusivity, said Antoinette Merrill, 26, a human resources analyst who lives in Schaumburg. But what separates Chicago from other cities is the view and the lack of jaw-dropping cover charges, she said while sitting at Market.


“To be able to [hang out at rooftops] in a city that offers just as much as Vegas at no cost, why not?” she said.

The best thing about being on a rooftop? “You feel away from everything else—traffic and congestion,” Merrill said. “You feel like you're on top of the world.”

The rooftop bar at ZED451 offers a skyline view.

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‘THIS LOCK WAS MY SAVING GRACE’

Man fights off attackers in Lincoln Park; cops say it's not related to recent attacks

Chicago Tribune

The recent muggings in Lincoln Park were on a South Side man's mind as he walked his 10-speed Schwinn in the dark Monday near the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

Be on guard, he told himself. Four men had been robbed and severely beaten last week in separate early-morning incidents, prompting police to issue a community warning.

He ended up fending off an attack by waving around his bike lock, he said. "It was almost like my senses were kind of putting me in line for what was to happen," said the 36-year-old man, who asked not to be identified for fear his attackers might seek retribution.

Chicago police on Tuesday said the late-night robbery is likely not part of a violent string of attacks in Lincoln Park, and detectives continued poring over older reports to see whether any other incidents fit the pattern.

Detectives moved quickly to issue a warning over the weekend about four muggings in the area that were linked—two Thursday and two Saturday, all in the early-morning hours—because of how concentrated and violent they were.

In those attacks—in the 600 block of West Fullerton Parkway, the 2100 block of North Stockton Drive, the 2000 block of North Cleveland Avenue and the 300 block of West Webster Avenue—several men in their early 20s attacked victims from behind with their fists and then demanded wallets, police said. One person suffered a broken jaw.

No arrests have been made, but police were following several leads.

Robberies in the district are down 7 percent through June, the department said. The robberies are typically more isolated and random than the four recent violent attacks, a police source said.

Meanwhile, police said Tuesday there

are several differences between the four robberies and the late-night attack Monday near Fullerton and North Cannon Drive involving the man who said he used his bicycle lock to fight off three men trying to rob him.

The man said he was heading home to North Beverly around 11 p.m. When he got just north of the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, on a dark path normally filled with geese, he was walking his bike on the grass.

Suddenly a man armed with a thick stick the size of a billy club jumped out from behind a tree and said "Brake yourself [stop]," the victim recalled. Then two other men came out from hiding.

With his right hand holding up his bike, the man reached with his left hand into his left pocket and threw \$137 in cash at the man with the stick.

After the men looked like they were going to approach, the victim grabbed the U-lock resting on his handlebar, let his bike fall to the ground and started swinging the lock wide. He raised his voice, hoping he would attract attention.

One of the attackers told his friends they should leave since the victim was putting up a fight, and they fled, the victim recalled.

"This lock was my saving grace, really," the victim said.



This U-lock helped a 36-year-old man defend himself in a late-night attack in Lincoln Park. ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE

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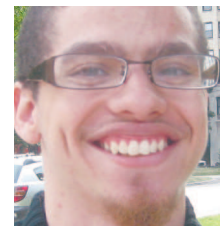
In March, RedEye talked to experts about what behaviors increase your risk of becoming a victim of a mugging. Their top advice: Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

Other tips:

- » Avoid being on the phone, texting, listening to an iPod—anything that takes away your ability to perceive what's going on around you.
- » Talking on the phone might seem safe, but it still distracts you, and the person on the other line may not know where you are if you suddenly need help.
- » Having a map out or admiring landmarks can make you look confused or distracted.

Neighborhood reaction

RedEye spoke with Lincoln Parkers on Tuesday about how they're reacting to news of muggings in their neighborhood.



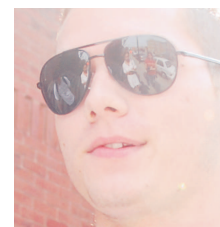
Lincoln Park Zoo

Dion Levy, 20, said he normally doesn't think twice about walking around Lincoln Park

because he considers it a safe area. He hadn't heard about the recent rash of muggings until RedEye informed him.

"I think it would be disturbing to hear in any neighborhood, but especially one where people tend to feel safe and secure and protected," Levy said.

But Levy said he takes precautions wherever he is. He said he purposefully doesn't walk around with much cash in his wallet and limits how much he walks at night.



DePaul University

Joe Cybulski, a 20-year-old DePaul student who lives in Lincoln Park, said the most surprising part of the

muggings was that they targeted young men. He said he's "not too worried about it," but would be wary if he saw anything suspicious. Cybulski's friends Bryan Pyc, 21, and Mike Beverstock, 22, also DePaul students, said their tendency to walk in groups rather than alone helps ease concern about being targets. "I don't think a group together would be a problem," Beverstock said.



Clark and Diversey

After hearing about the spate of muggings on the news, **Alex Ortiz**, 25, said he's been more cautious when he

walks around his neighborhood. Ortiz, who lives in Lincoln Park, said he now tries not to walk alone at night after he leaves the bars, and he stays on busier streets. "I've been kind of nervous, I'm not going to lie," Ortiz said. ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ, REDEYE

Schubas' new tune

Brothers planning new concert venue

Chicago Tribune

For 20 years, Schubas has been one of the top music clubs in the city. It has helped launch fledgling artists such as Dave Matthews, Modest Mouse, Feist and My Morning Jacket, among others.

And for 20 years, it has seen those artists move on to bigger venues and promoters, who reaped the benefits.

That in part explains why Chris and Mike Schuba, the brothers who co-own the Southport Avenue club, are preparing to open a new midsize music venue, Lincoln Hall, at 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. in the fall to complement their first club. It will join a music scene crowded with similar-size rock venues, including the Double Door, Martyrs' and Logan Square Auditorium. But the owners say they can thrive by basically doing a larger version of Schubas, which has built its reputation on astute bookings, excellent sound and an intimate atmosphere.

The new location, on the former site of the Three Penny movie house (built in 1913), will be about three times the size of Schubas, which has a capacity of 167. The Schuba brothers and their partners bought the 4,400-square-foot Lincoln Avenue property last September for \$2.7 million and have sunk hundreds of thousands of dollars into it to create a soundproofed, two-level concert space. A front room and bar will serve food. But the primary focus will be music.

"We've been looking three years for a building that would create a human-scale, intimate experience where we can put the music first," says Chris Schuba, 56, as he walks the dust-covered mezzanine while construction workers weld, saw and hammer around him.

The club is still wending its way through the complex world of inspections and licensing required by the city, a process that has become even more arduous since the E2 nightclub disaster on the South Side claimed 21 lives in 2003.



Talent buyer Matt Rucins (from left) and Mike and Chris Schuba, owners of Schubas, at the site of their new concert venue at 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. **ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE**

"E2 was a huge game-changer for the city and the clubs," Chris Schuba says. "Clubs have been under intense scrutiny, and this one is no exception."

"I'm not aware of any problems," says Ald. Vi Daley, whose 43rd Ward includes Lincoln Hall. "Everything appears on track."

Questions remain whether Chicago's live music scene, one of the most vibrant in the

world despite less-than-avid endorsement from City Hall, can accommodate yet another major venue, especially amid a recession.

"It'll put a dent" in some other similar-size venues, says Nick Miller, vice president of Chicago-based concert promoters Jam Productions. Miller works with numerous clubs to book shows, including Schubas and many of its competitors.

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Visionary addition to park

Cloud Gate and the Crown Fountain have some company, albeit temporary, in Millennium Park—Zaha Hadid’s Burnham Plan centennial pavilion. Tribune architecture critic Blair Kamin calls the pavilion, which some refer to as “the conch” or “the Pod,” a virtuoso display of structure, space and light. The structure is expected to disappear after Oct. 31. **BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE**

3 shot, injured in Chinatown

Three people were shot and seriously injured early Tuesday in Chinatown, police said. About 1:35 a.m., police responded to shots fired in the 2200 block of South Archer Avenue, said Chicago News Affairs Officer David Banks. A 43-year-old woman was found shot in her lower right leg; a 31-year-old man was shot in his left hip and buttocks; and a 21-year-old man was struck in the shoulder, he said.

Autopsy: Woman was strangled

An unidentified woman found dead in a Southeast Side alley Monday morning was strangled, according to an autopsy performed Tuesday. Her death was ruled a homicide. The woman, thought to be in her early-to-mid 20s, was found unresponsive in the alley near East 97th Street and South Avenue J in the East Side neighborhood, said Chicago Police Officer John Mirabelli, a police spokesman.

Dog killed in Lakeview burglary

A small dog was stabbed and killed during a burglary in a Lakeview apartment last week, Chicago police said Tuesday. The burglary happened Thursday night at the apartment in the 600 block of West Barry Avenue. A woman and her boyfriend, who live there together, were outside when they noticed someone had broken into the back door, police said.

Awww! Congrats, you whales

Puiji and Naya are expecting. The twenty-something beluga whales at Shedd Aquarium are pregnant, a facility official said, with calves expected to be born this fall. This marks the third pregnancy for Puiji, 23, and the second for Naya, 20. They are two of the aquarium’s seven beluga whales.

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1 Happy birthday to you

On the day he turned 48, President Obama decided to celebrate legendary White House correspondent Helen Thomas, now a columnist with Hearst Newspapers. She turned 89 on Tuesday. Obama emerged in the briefing room, led the roomful of reporters in singing "Happy Birthday to You" and gave a plate of cupcakes to Thomas.

2 Health club shooting

A gunman strolled into an exercise class at a health club in suburban Pittsburgh on Tuesday night and started spraying bullets, leaving five people dead, including himself, and injuring at least 10 others, police and a hospital said.

3 Driver was drunk, high

New York police say a woman who caused a wrong-way crash that killed herself, her 2-year-old daughter, three nieces and three men in an SUV on July 26 was severely drunk and had smoked pot not long before the wreck. Diane Schuler still had alcohol in her stomach when she died.

4 Police, protesters clash

Sudanese police fired tear gas and beat women protesting at the trial Tuesday of a journalist who faces a flogging for wearing trousers in public. Lubna Hussein could receive 40 lashes if found guilty of violating the country's indecency law.

5 Hello, 'Mount Obama'

Antigua's highest mountain officially became "Mount Obama" on Tuesday as the small Caribbean nation celebrated the American president on his birthday and saluted him as a symbol of black achievement.

6 Iran holds 3 Americans

Iran has arrested three Americans for illegally entering the country from Iraq. A security official in Iraq said they were merely backpackers who got lost while hiking in a mountainous region where the Iran-Iraq border is not clearly marked.

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Amount a middle-income family with a child born last year will spend on raising that child through age 17, according to a government report released Tuesday.



Stormy shuttle

7 CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. Lightning illuminates the sky Tuesday as the Space Shuttle Discovery, sitting atop the crawler transporter, rolls out to launch pad 39-A at the Kennedy Space Center. Discovery is scheduled to launch no earlier than Aug. 25 on a mission to the International Space Station. **GETTY IMAGES**

Salvage grocery stores thriving

8 ARVADA, Colo. You won't find a perfectly ripe tomato at Martin Palumbo's grocery store. You won't even find a perfect can of tomatoes.

What you will find are lots of dented cans of tomatoes and a growing number of customers hungry for these and other staples sold at deep discounts, such as cereal boxes crushed by forklifts and bottles of salad dressing past their "sell-by" dates.

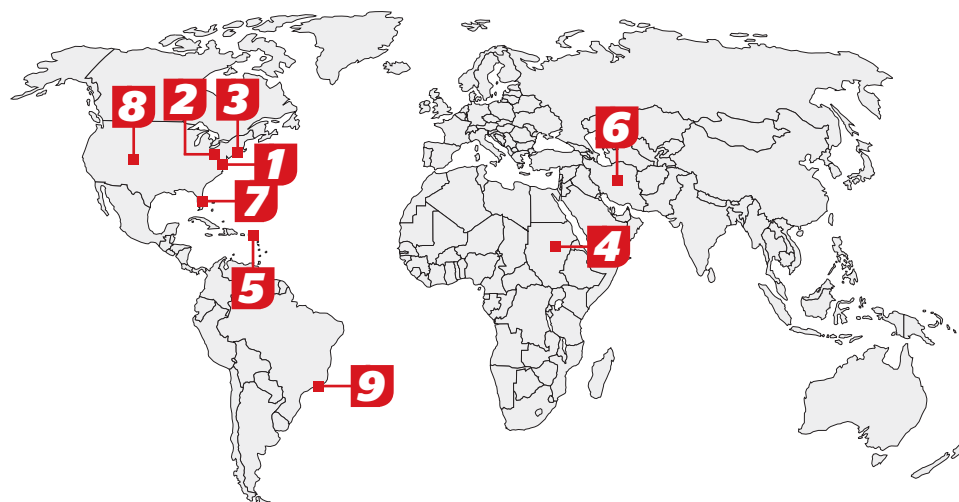
Sales at Palumbo's Friday Store in suburban Denver have surged in recent months, mirroring the trend at so-called salvage grocers nationwide, as the recession makes frugal living appealing to more Americans.

So while food prices generally have fallen from last summer's record highs, many people—not just the poor—have reasons to bargain-shop for groceries.

To capture a piece of this market, big-box retailers are selling more food these days. They are snatching business from traditional grocers, who are trying to hold on to customers by packing their shelves with more no-frills products.

At the very end of the food retailing chain are the salvage grocers, whose prices are often more than 50 percent less than traditional grocers'.

People who frequent salvage stores do the bulk of their food shopping at traditional grocers. A trip to the salvage grocer, they say, is more like a treasure hunt—what's available one week may not be the next time around.



9 Go green—go in the shower

RIO DE JANEIRO New TV ads are encouraging Brazilians to save water—by urinating in the shower. Brazilian environmental group SOS Mata Atlantica says the campaign, running on several TV stations, uses humor to persuade people to reduce flushes.

The group says if a household avoids one flush a day, it can save up to 1,157 gallons of water annually. SOS spokeswoman Adriana Kfoury said Tuesday that the ad is "a way to be playful about a serious subject."

The spot features cartoon drawings of people from all walks of life—a trapeze artist, a basketball player, even an alien—urinating in the shower.

Narrated by children's voices, the ad ends with: "Pee in the shower! Save the Atlantic rain forest!"



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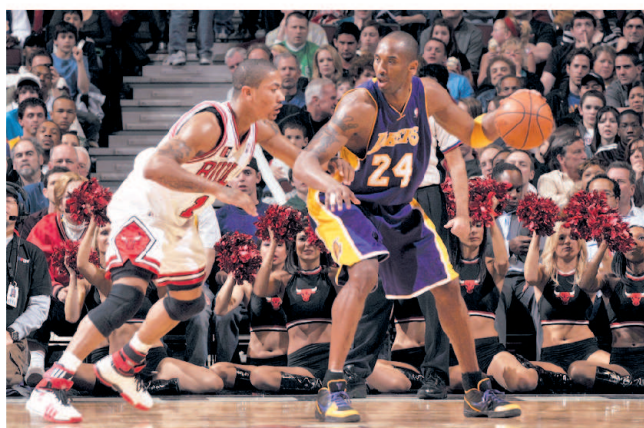
Oct. 6 vs. Utah

IIIIII Uhh, scratch that. It's being played in London for some reason. And it's a preseason game.



Oct. 29 vs. San Antonio

IIIIII Opening the season against the Spurs is a good test. Tony Parker, Tim Duncan and company were among the Western Conference's best. If Parker brings along wife Eva, this immediately is upgraded to a four-treat game.



Nov. 19 at L.A. Lakers

IIIIII This game is part of the dreaded circus road trip. Kobe Bryant and the Lakers often have been akin to Ringling Bros., but they put the shenanigans behind them long enough to win the title last season. In the off-season, however, they brought in that clown Ron Artest.

HOOOPER SCOOPER

RedEye's prognosticating pooch rates some of the Bulls' big games of 2009-10



By Whizzer

It seems like just yesterday that Celtics guard Rajon Rondo was slapping Bulls center Brad Miller in the NBA playoffs. Ahhh, sweet, sweet memories.

The Bulls released their 2009-10 schedule Tuesday, tantalizing hoops-starved fans.

I, too, could use a little basketball in my sports-

consuming diet. Too much Cubs, Sox and Bears news can give you gangrene of the mind or something.

To fill the void, and to give Bulls fans something to chew on, here is my look at the five must-see games this season—whether in person or on TV. I've put them on my own treat scale to even further pinpoint the games that simply cannot be missed.

Here now, my Bulls picks.

TREAT SCALE

IIIIII Top-shelf matchup

IIIIII Grade A beef

IIIIII Lean cuisine

IIIIII No doggie bag required

IIIIII I've got a bone to pick

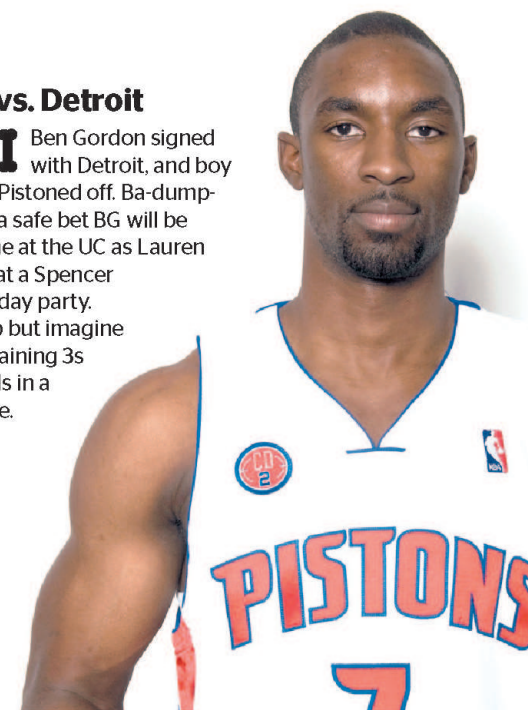


Dec. 12 vs. Boston

IIIIII What will United Center fans have waiting for Public Enemy No. 1 Rajon Rondo when the Celtics take the court? Hopefully something appropriately hard-hitting. Rondo can dish it out I know what the Bulls have: Derrick Rose with another star guard to own. Can't wait.

Jan. 11 vs. Detroit

IIIIII Ben Gordon signed with Detroit, and boy were fans Pistoned off. Ba-dump-bump. It's a safe bet BG will be as welcome at the UC as Lauren Conrad is at a Spencer Pratt birthday party. I can't help but imagine Gordon draining 3s on the Bulls in a close game.

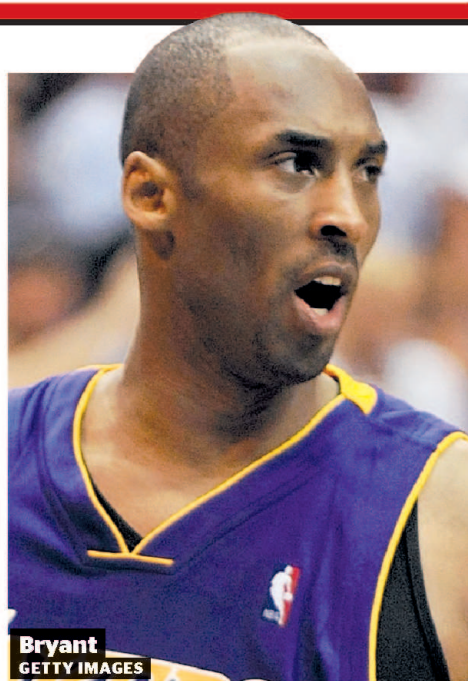




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April 8 vs. Cleveland

IIIIII LeBron "King" James, Shaquille "The Big Aristotle" O'Neal, D-Rose. Is there enough room for them all in the UC? The Cavs are a legit title contender with Shaq filling up the lane for them. Let's just hope the Bulls are still in contention this late in the season to make this game interesting or I'll be at home watching "30 Rock."



Bryant
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O'Neal
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Holiday showdown

From news services

The NBA's marquee matchup, once again on Christmas Day, will be the Kobe versus Shaq show.

The Lakers will play host to the Cleveland Cavaliers, with their new center and a familiar face, Shaquille O'Neal, and LeBron James, on Christmas Day, according to the NBA regular-season schedule that was released Tuesday.

It's the fourth time in the six seasons since the Lakers traded O'Neal that they have a game scheduled against their former star on Christmas.

This season's holiday game has plenty of story lines, including Bryant vs. James, a matchup that many deemed inevitable

in the NBA Finals last season, and for this December game may likely yield more Nike puppet ads.

The Clippers also will play on Christmas Day in a road game against the Phoenix Suns. With the acquisition of No. 1 pick Blake Griffin, the Clippers will be featured on national TV eight times this season.

The NBA gave fans some other premier Christmas gifts. The Eastern Conference champion Orlando Magic, who added Vince Carter this summer, will host the Celtics in a rematch of last season's conference finals. And Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat will visit the Knicks to begin the Christmas Day quintupleheader. **LA TIMES, AP**

Bulls open with Spurs

Chicago Tribune

The Bulls and the other 29 NBA teams released their 2009-10 schedules Tuesday afternoon. The Bulls will begin their 44th season with an Oct. 29 home game against San Antonio at 7 p.m. In a twist, all Bulls home games will begin at 7 p.m. this season.

As usual, the Bulls head out for the annual extended November trip to make way for the circus at the United Center. This year's trip is six games from Nov. 17 to 30 with stops in Sacramento, L.A. for the Lakers, Denver, Portland, Utah and Milwaukee.

A season-high seven-game trip is pushed a bit earlier this season, from Jan. 18 to 29, with stops in Golden State, L.A. for the



San Antonio at Bulls

Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.
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Clippers, Phoenix, Houston, San Antonio, Oklahoma City and New Orleans.

A six-game homestand, and longest of the season, is from Dec. 11 to 21, highlighted by visits from the Celtics and Lakers.

The Bulls will play an inordinate number of back-to-back series of games, 22 in all, and also have four stretches of four games in five nights. The first back-to-back occurs right off the top, with the Bulls traveling to Boston the night after the home opener against the Spurs, to play their first road game where last season's stirring, seven-game playoff series ended.

Tickets for all home Bulls games go on sale at 10 a.m. Oct. 2.

Putler or Ceavy?

Jen Patterson is on CSN's "Monsters in the Morning" 6-9 a.m. weekdays. Julie DiCaro is on ChicagoNow 24-7 at chicagonow.com/blogs/league-of-her-own.



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1 Who deserves the avalanche of hype: Jake Peavy or Jay Cutler?

The one that comes without Ozzie or Hawk.

Neither. They've won the same number of playoff games: zero.

Cutler. Urlacher had it wrong. Peavy is the real (inappropriate word that sometimes refers to a cat).

Peavy. Cy Young winner. 'Nuff said.

Cutler, because this is a Bears town.

2 How can Peavy help the White Sox while he's rehabbing?

He can work on Buehrle's patchy, chin-strap beard.

Every time the Sox hit a homer he runs onto the field and screams, "I'M NUREYEV, I'M NUREYEV!"

Giving Ozzie Guillen regular back massages to keep him calm.

Hide Bartolo Colon's dominoes.

Keep the attention on himself, letting the other guys relax.

3 What's the significance to the Cubs being in the only division with six teams?

Further proof that The Man is out to keep the Cubs down.

Their chances of winning have decreased by a number that I can't come up with because I hate math.

They have an extra excuse for missing the playoffs.

Guaranteed wins vs. the Reds and Pirates.

They are deep-sixed.

4 The Fire faces Tigres for the SuperLiga title and \$1M. Give them some bulletin board material.

Cuauhtemoc Blanco is OK, but he's no Jose Alfredo Gonzalez Tahuilan.

Fire, I have sent you tacks. Good luck.

I hear the team you're playing for the title is so bad, they can't even spell the word "Tiger" correctly.

I'm scraping my fingernails on the chalkboard.

If Tigres wins, there might be another Chicago fire.

5 What unique item would you like to see in the Michael Jordan Hall of Fame exhibit?

The Birmingham Barons jersey that proved he was mortal.

Spend money on a wax replica of Karla Knafel. Or go cheaper and hire the real one.

Craig Ehlo's old jersey, still smoldering from all the times Jordan burned him on game-winners.

His playing cards from Atlantic City.

The cigar cutter that likely ended any comeback thoughts he had.

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- **Love Aaj Kal** (NR) 11:50, 3:00, 6:10
- **AMC Select Mrs. Goldberg** (NR) 11:30, 1:45, 4:00, 6:45
- **AMC Select Whatever Works** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:20, 4:45, 7:10
- **AMC Select Moon** (R) 11:55, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30

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- **Magic Flut** (NR) 7:00 P.M.
- **Aliens-Attic** (PG) 10:15, 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:10, 10:35
- **Funny People** (R) 10:00, 11:30, 1:15, 3:10, 4:45, 7:00, 8:20, 10:40
- **G-Force** (PG) 11:25, 1:50, 4:05, 6:40, 9:20
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) 10:50, 12:00, 1:35, 2:50, 4:40, 5:40, 7:30, 8:30, 10:20
- **Orphan** (R) 10:20, 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 8:15, 10:25
- **AMC Select The Hurt Locker** (R) 11:00, 2:15, 5:30, 8:45
- **G-Force 3D** (PG) ♦ 10:25, 12:50, 3:05, 5:35, 8:25, 10:45
- **AMC Select 500 Days-Sum** (PG-13) 10:10, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 5:50, 8:40
- **Harry Potter** (PG) 10:05, 11:05, 12:05, 2:45, 3:50, 4:00, 6:15, 7:15, 9:45
- **Brüno** (R) 11:20, 1:45, 4:20, 6:30, 8:50
- **Public Enemies** (R) 10:15, 1:20, 4:30, 7:35, 10:40
- **Ice Age** (PG) 10:30, 1:00, 3:20, 5:40
- **Transformers** (PG-13) 10:05, 1:25, 10:00
- **The Proposal** (PG-13) 11:15, 2:00, 4:35, 7:45, 10:30
- **The Hangover** (R) 10:35, 1:05, 3:40, 6:10, 8:50
- **Up** (PG) 11:10, 1:40, 4:25, 7:05, 9:35

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- **Aliens-Attic** (PG) ★ 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45
- **Funny People** (R) ★ 12:15, 2:10, 2:50, 3:50, 4:40, 6:30, 7:10, 8:10, 9:50, 10:30

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CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) (continued)

- **The Collector** (R) ★ 1:10, 3:40, 6:10, 8:20, 10:45
- **500 Days-Sum** (PG-13) ★ 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
- **G-Force 3D** (PG) ★ 1:40, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10
- **G-Force** (PG) ★ 12:40, 3:00, 5:30
- **Orphan** (R) ★ 12:30, 3:20, 6:20, 9:15
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) ★ 12:10, 1:50, 2:45, 4:10, 5:10, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:10
- **Harry Potter** (PG) 2:30, 3:15, 6:05, 6:45, 9:30, 10:05
- **The Hurt Locker** (R) 1:30, 4:30, 8:00
- **Brüno** (R) 9:00 P.M.
- **Ice Age 3D** (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 6:40
- **Public Enemies** (R) 3:10, 6:15, 9:20
- **Transformers** (PG-13) 3:30, 7:15, 10:40
- **The Proposal** (PG-13) 7:50, 10:25
- **The Hangover** (R) 2:20, 5:20, 7:45, 10:15
- **Up** (PG) 12:45 P.M.

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- **Magic Flut** (NR) ★ 7:00 P.M.
- **Funny People** (R) ★ 12:10, 3:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 6:10, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30, 10:20
- **G-Force 3D** (PG) ★ 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) ★ 1:00, 1:40, 3:50, 4:30, 6:20, 7:20, 9:15, 10:00
- **Harry Potter** (PG) 12:40, 3:10, 4:00, 6:30, 7:15, 9:55
- **Brüno** (R) 10:30 P.M.
- **Public Enemies** (R) 3:00, 9:50
- **The Proposal** (PG-13) 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10
- **The Hangover** (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- **Aliens-Attic** (PG) ★ 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:50, 9:30
- **Funny People** (R) ★ 12:40, 3:50, 7:10, 10:30
- **The Collector** (R) ★ 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:50, 10:00
- **G-Force 3D** (PG) ★ 1:00, 3:45, 6:20, 8:50
- **G-Force** (PG) ★ 12:15, 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45
- **Orphan** (R) ★ 1:10, 1:40, 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 7:45, 10:10, 10:45
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) ★ 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 8:10, 10:40
- **Harry Potter** (PG) 12:20, 3:10, 3:40, 6:30, 7:00, 9:50, 10:20
- **Ice Age** (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:10
- **Public Enemies** (R) 1:15, 4:40, 8:00
- **Transformers** (PG-13) 3:15, 6:40, 9:55
- **The Hangover** (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

4779 W. Cermak
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- **Aliens-Attic** (PG) ★ 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:50, 9:30
- **Funny People** (R) ★ 12:40, 3:50, 7:10, 10:30
- **The Collector** (R) ★ 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:50, 10:00
- **G-Force 3D** (PG) ★ 1:00, 3:45, 6:20, 8:50
- **G-Force** (PG) ★ 12:15, 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45
- **Orphan** (R) ★ 1:10, 1:40, 4:15, 4:45, 7:15, 7:45, 10:10, 10:45
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) ★ 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 8:10, 10:40
- **Harry Potter** (PG) 12:20, 3:10, 3:40, 6:30, 7:00, 9:50, 10:20
- **Ice Age** (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:10
- **Public Enemies** (R) 1:15, 4:40, 8:00
- **Transformers** (PG-13) 3:15, 6:40, 9:55
- **The Hangover** (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15

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1022 Lake Street
630-444-FILM #560

- **Funny People** (R) ★ 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
- **G-Force 3D** (PG) ★ 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30
- **The Ugly Truth** (R) ★ 12:20, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20, 9:40
- **Harry Potter** (PG) 12:00, 1:30, 3:10, 4:40, 6:20, 7:50, 9:30
- **Public Enemies** (R) 1:05, 3:55, 6:45, 9:35
- **Ice Age 3D** (PG) 12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:50, 9:00
- **Space Chimps** (G) 10:00 A.M.

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(847)492-0123 &

- **Aliens-Attic** (PG) ★ 12:25, 2:40, 4:55, 7:15, 9:30
- **Funny People** (R) ★ 12:20, 2:00, 3:40, 5:20, 7:00, 8:40, 10:20
- **500 Days-Sum** (PG-13) 11:45, 1:00, 2:05, 3:25, 4:30, 5:50, 6:55, 8:15, 9:20, 10:35
- **Away We Go** (R) 8:00, 10:30
- **Brüno** (R) 11:55, 1:55, 4:10, 6:20, 8:30, 10:40
- **G-Force** (PG) ★ 12:55, 3:20, 5:40
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- **Orphan** (R) ★ 12:50, 4:00, 7:25, 10:25
- **Public Enemies** (R) 1:10, 4:20, 7:30, 10:40
- **The Hangover** (R) 12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10
- **The Hurt Locker** (R) 11:35, 1:15, 2:55, 4:15, 5:45, 7:20, 8:50, 10:25
- **The Proposal** (PG-13) 11:40, 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:15
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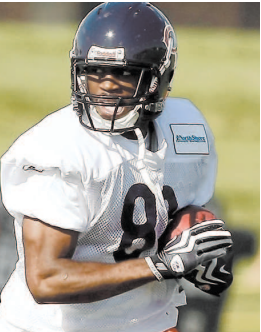
The Cubs' Ryan Theriot grimaces Tuesday after he was hit by a pitch. AP

CUBS 6, CINCINNATI 3
Manager Lou Piniella said the Cubs plan to bring up Aaron Miles, perhaps as soon as Wednesday. Geovany Soto, whom Piniella wanted to call up Wednesday, is now scheduled to complete his three-day stint at Triple-A Iowa and be brought back Friday. That means two more roster moves are on tap. Either Jeff Samardzija or Jeff Stevens will probably be sent down when Miles comes up, and look for Sam Fuld to go down when Soto arrives.

WHITE SOX 5, L.A. ANGELS 4
White Sox rookie third baseman Gordon Beckham was named the American League's rookie of the month for July. Beckham led all AL rookies with a .330 batting average, three home runs, 18 RBIs, 10 doubles, 12 runs and a .382 on-base percentage. » White Sox closer Bobby Jenks said he was leaving for the hospital to undergo a procedure to remove his kidney stones. Jenks won't be available for a few games.

6 targets for No. 6

When new quarterback Jay Cutler came to town, skeptical Bears fans asked, "But who is he going to throw to?" The answers are incomplete, but this is what the Bears have seen early in camp from the six receivers most likely to be on the roster this season.



Earl Bennett
One of the early surprises of camp, Bennett has looked more seasoned than the player who disappeared as a rookie. His comfort with Cutler has been obvious, just as is Cutler's confidence in his former favorite target at Vanderbilt.



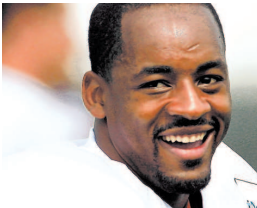
Devin Hester
The Bears' speedster and Cutler have hooked up on a couple of deep passes to titillate the crowd and provide a glimpse of what the Bears think this duo can accomplish downfield. "He's a No. 1," coach Lovie Smith said. But is Hester really? That depends on the definition. He could lead the Bears in reception yards but possibly not receptions. His hands haven't been as consistent as they were last year, yet.



Johnny Knox
Knox has opened eyes with his speed and displayed sticky hands so far. Is he good enough to warrant the Bears keeping six at this position? Perhaps—especially if his yards-after-the-catch in preseason action captures the imagination of offensive coordinator Ron Turner.

Juaquin Iglesias
He has had days when he has looked capable of stepping in and contributing, and days he has made observers wonder why the Bears took him in the third round.

Brandon Rideau
There has been nothing spectacular yet from the guy penciled in as the team's third receiver in three-receiver sets, but he offers the size and athleticism nobody else in the position group can.



Rashied Davis
He has experience with the system, which should help him in a group full of unproven guys.

JAY TALKING

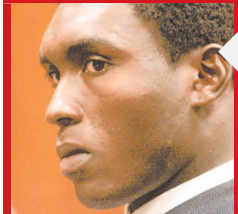


throws Tuesday but was picked off by Brian Urlacher and Zack Bowman during 7-on-7 drills.

A day-to-day look at Cutler's first training camp with the Bears.
For starters: Cutler made some solid

Red alert: By the Tribune's count, Cutler completed 8-of-12 passes in 7-on-7 drills, then 10 of 12 when it went to full team. His last toss, however, was overthrown toward Devin Hester in the end zone with the offense starting from the 10.
Wild times: The Bears twice showed the "Wildcat" formation, with Cutler moving outside on both plays. No, he

didn't get a pass thrown his way. Matt Forte faked a handoff to Kevin Jones on one play and ran with it. On the other, Hester attempted a hurried pass to Brandon Rideau that fell well short. Leave the passing to Cutler.
Rex hex? Shortly after Cutler threw his second interception to Bowman, a fan yelled, "I thought we got rid of Rex Grossman."



» An Ohio judge has convicted Peoria Chiefs pitcher and Cubs minor-leaguer Julio Castillo of injuring a fan when he threw a baseball during an on-field melee in Dayton last year.

» The Arena Football League is on the brink of folding and declaring bankruptcy, a union official told The Associated Press. That would mean the end of the Rush in Chicago.

» Rafael Nadal plans to return to the courts at the Rogers Cup in Montreal next week after being sidelined for more than two months with sore knees.

» Green Bay won't rule out interest in Michael Vick » Man charged with sending threatening letters to Jerome Bettis » Sky at Indiana, 6 p.m. Wednesday



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If former President Clinton can get North Korea to free American journalists, I think he should take a shot at brokering peace between Cubs and Sox fans. Here now, my TV picks.



MLB
Cubs at Cincinnati
6:10 p.m. CSN

The Cubs always find a way to make manager Dusty Baker a loser, even if he's the Cubs skipper.



MLB
White Sox vs. L.A. Angels
7:11 p.m. CSN+

The Angels are comfortably in first. I am not as comfortably first in line at the vet's office.

SOCCER
Fire vs. Tigres
7 p.m. Telefutera

I hope you understand Spanish. If not, it probably won't affect the viewing experience anyway.

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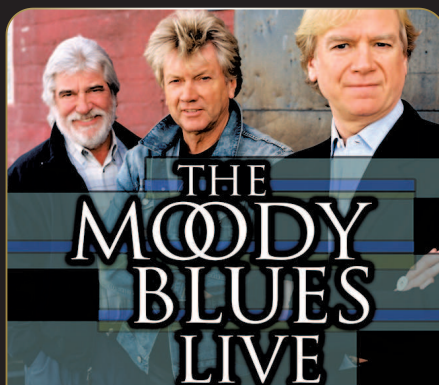


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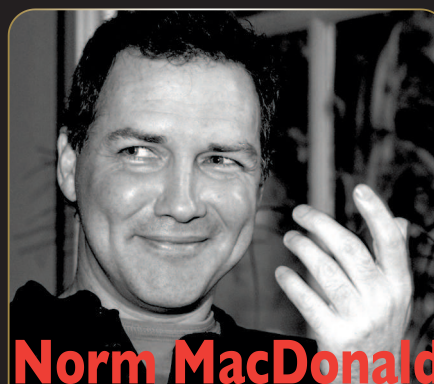
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5'Paper Heart'
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Native Chicago filmmaker Nick Jasenovec's new romantic docu-fiction starring Charlyne Yi, Michael Cera and Jake Johnson opens Friday, but you can see it tonight. Bonus: Star in your own love story at the afterparty at **District Bar** (170 W. Ontario St.). 7:30 p.m. \$15. Tickets: genart.org

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Canal Street and Jackson Boulevard Shop outdoors for wares imported from Asia, Africa and Europe. 9 a.m. Through Friday. 312-491-0999.

Twofer: Magic shows

In Edgewater, Robert Charles and Benjamin Barnes aim to awe with their monthly show, "Magic Chicago" (City Lit Theater Company, 1020 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. 773-984-3817). In Lincoln Park, P.T. Murphy, David Parr and others star in "The Magic Cabaret" (Greenhouse Theater Center, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-704-7336). Both shows: 7:30 p.m. \$20.

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6'So You Think
You Can Dance'
viewing party

T's Restaurant and Bar, 5025 N. Clark St. 773-784-6000. Will the Season 5 winner be Jeanine, Evan, Kayla or Brandon? Watch the final results show (7 p.m.) live on flat-screen TVs with members of Inaside Chicago Dance. 6 p.m. \$5 donation.

Sangria 101

Eivissa, 1531 N. Wells St.
312-654-9500.

Learn how to mix new and classic versions of the Spanish cooler. Includes samples and tapas. 6:30 p.m. \$25. RSVP required.

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7The Interview
ShowHideout, 1354 W. Wabansia
Ave. 773-227-4433.

Celeb chef Rick Bayless stops by for a chat with humorist Mark Bazer, along with hip-hop duo Kidz in the Hall, The Onion writer Nathan Rabin and others. 6:30 p.m. \$5.

Mega-restaurateur
Jerry Kleiner goes big
(yet again) in Old Town

first look

By M. Kathleen Pratt

For anyone else, opening a 10,000-square-foot, 160-seat restaurant like 33 Club easily could be the project of a lifetime. For Jerry Kleiner, it's all in a day's work.

That's not to say that the 3-week-old Old Town restaurant, a clubby, bi-level space with mahogany-paneled walls and a grand staircase dominating the center of the dining room, wasn't a massive undertaking—it took him nearly 16 months to complete. It's just that he's been here before, unleashing his signature flair at spots such as Carnivale, Marche and Opera.

Stepping into 33 Club, you have to wonder if Kleiner missed the memo about the recession. Though the design is more subdued than some of his more fantastical spots, the word *lavish* still only begins to describe it. From the elegant herringbone floors to the carefully arranged bottles in the floor-to-ceiling display case that separates the front bar from the main dining room, no detail is overlooked. And then there's the art: dozens of paintings and sketches from Kleiner's personal collection, including the huge, 10-by-12-foot "Nonsun Blob A" by Chicago artist Wesley Kimler, which dominates the south wall.

Though Kleiner hasn't held back in indulging his design side here, he does show some restraint. It's apparent the minute you look at the prices on chef Daniel Kelly's menu. Most entrees are \$24 or less, and only steaks hit the \$30 mark. (A lighter menu that includes snacks and sandwiches, served in the 60-seat front bar, tops out at \$15; lunch entrees hover around \$10.) The offerings seem restrained too. A lineup of classics starts with dishes such as crab and shrimp cocktail (\$10), French onion soup (\$7) and Caesar salad (\$8) and proceeds without much fanfare to homey plates like roasted chicken (\$18) and



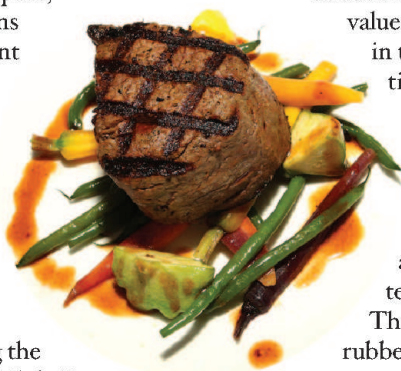
broiled Lake Superior whitefish (\$18).

Perhaps Kleiner has been following the news about the economy after all. There's great value here, if you measure such things in terms of size. An appetizer portion of grilled baby lamb chops (\$14) is big enough to serve as an entree at some restaurants; a hunk of miso-glazed Chilean sea bass (\$28) was the largest piece of fish we've been served all year. If you factor in consistency, however, the value dips a bit. Those lamb chops were inexplicably rubbery. And while the sweet gingered

glaze on the sea bass shone brightly, the fish was cooked unevenly—moist and flaky in some parts but overdone in others. (Ironically, that's just the trouble with a piece of fish so large: It's not easy to cook anything that big evenly throughout.)

In such a clubby setting, you might be tempted to order steak. You should. Before 33 Club, Daniel Kelly was in the kitchen at Tramanto's Steak & Seafood in Wheeling—in other words, he knows steak. Our 12-ounce New York strip (\$30) was a highlight, presented in a simple red wine sauce. A 16-ounce bone-in ribeye (\$33) gets the same classic treatment; both are served a la carte, with steakhouse sides (\$6 each) such as creamed spinach, garlic mashed potatoes and a mac 'n' cheese-stuffed baked potato (not quite as off-the-hook delicious as it sounds, but a conceptual stroke of genius nonetheless). If you're really indulging, there's also a signature 8-ounce fillet (\$28, left) with truffle demi-glaze.

Speaking of indulgences, we rarely see such gargantuan desserts outside of rotating glass cases. We'd still be working on a slice of awesomely retro Boston cream pie (\$7) if we hadn't given up out of sheer exhaustion. But don't let that deter you. It's perfectly acceptable to indulge here—just look around you.

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33 Club essentials

Reservations: Call at least four days ahead for prime-time weekend tables

Try it: New York strip (or any steak)

Skip it: Baby lamb chops

At the bar: Above-average cocktails (\$10 each), like the 33 (Belvedere, St. Germain, orange zest, honey, sour mix); about 65 wines by the bottle and 20 by the glass; disappointing beer list

New this week: Lunch (starts today, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.)

Coming soon: Outdoor seating for about 60, brunch

Metromix picks: Wine and dine

First Wednesdays at Just Grapes

Stop by this West Loop wine shop for a tasting featuring summery wines (think fresh whites and light reds). Experts are on hand to answer questions. \$25. 5:30 p.m. **Wednesday**. 560 W. Washington Blvd. Suite 100. 312-627-9463.

Chef's Table at La Madia

Sip wine pairings while you sample 5-7 courses prepared while you watch by chef Jonathan Fox. This month's menu includes egg and asparagus pizza with pecorino, chicken Milanese and sweet corn salad with grana padano. \$35. RSVP required. 7 p.m. **Wednesday**. 59 W. Grand Ave. 312-329-0400.

Sip and Swirl with a Sommelier at Park 52

Join sommelier Alain Njike for a tasting of four wines—this week's selections are champagnes—paired with small bites at this Hyde Park restaurant. \$25. Reservations recommended. 6 p.m. **Thursday**. 5201 S. Harper Ave. 773-241-5200.

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BLU CORAL

Wed.: \$3 sangrias; 5-7 p.m. Wed.-Thu., Sun.: 15 percent off food; Thu.: Half-price bottles of wine. Excludes house bottles; 1265 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-252-2020.

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Thu.-Sat.: Half-price appetizers and flatbreads in the bar after 10 p.m.; 1371 W. Chicago Ave. 312-850-2700.

BUONA TERRA

5-10 p.m. Thu.: \$21.95 three-course dinner; 2535 N. California Ave. 773-289-3800.

CAFE MATOU

5 p.m. Wed.-Thu., Sun.: \$24 three-course menu; 1846 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-384-8911.

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Wed.: Half-price bottles of wine; 4343 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-477-7144.

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Sun.: \$15.95 brunch buffet; 444 W. Fullerton Pkwy. 773-327-5100.

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Wed.: \$25 prix-fixe menu with one glass of wine; 1616 N. Damen Ave. 773-772-7100.

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Wed.: \$28 four-course dinner; 953 W. Fulton Ave. 312-243-2888.

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5-7 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: \$29 three-course menu; 5-8 p.m. Wed.: \$5 Tall Grass Farm burger with fries; 11:30 a.m.-2:30

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2 The **Pimlico Grid** (\$9) at **Province** (161 N. Jefferson St.). This cucumery quencher named after a residential district in London starts with Pimm's No. 1 and Hendrick's gin and blends them into an icy mix of ginger beer with lemon and lime juice.

3 Dessert at Chinatown's **New Furama Seafood Restaurant** (2828 S. Wentworth Ave.). Sure, Furama serves up a solid dim sum and killer seafood, but we're head-over-heels for the mango pudding (\$3.25).

4 The **blueberry gimlet** (\$10) at recently opened Pilsen restaurant **Nightwood** (2119 S. Halsted St.), made with Tito's Handmade Vodka, muddled blueberries, lime and simple syrup.

5 **Fish tacos** at **John's Place Roscoe Village** (2132 W. Roscoe St.). Not the first place you'd think of for delicious Mexican grub, but the tilapia tacos (two for \$9, three for \$12) were the best we've had in a while. (Sorry, El Cid.)

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\$2.50 Bud Light bottles, half-price quesadillas, karaoke 10 p.m.; 676 N. La Salle St. 312-943-8900.

C-VIEW

4 p.m.: Bacardi High Notes. Listen to DJs and order a mojito (\$10) from the Bacardi mojito bar on the terrace; 166 E. Superior St. Affinia Chicago Hotel. 312-523-0923.

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J BAR

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LANDMARK

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MARKET

6:30 p.m.: Stimulus Social Club. Network with other professionals interested in assisting charities and local businesses through the recession. Includes appetizers and one cocktail. \$10. RSVP required: rsvp@stimulusocialclub.com; 1113 W. Randolph St. 312-929-4787.

MOTHER'S TOO

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PEOPLE LOUNGE

\$2 PBR cans, \$3 glasses of sangria, \$5 Sobieski and Svedka cocktails, \$3 tapas (5:30-7 p.m.); 1560 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-9339.

REAGLE BEAGLE

\$15-\$18 mega cocktails; 160 E. Grand Ave. 312-755-9645.

REBAR

\$25 appetizers and champagne tasting 5:30-7 p.m. Reservations required; 401 N. Wabash Ave. Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago, Mezzanine Level. 312-588-8100.

RED KIVA

7 p.m.: Chick Flicks. Watch "Never Been Kissed" while snacking on free popcorn. Includes half-price bottles of wine. Guys welcome. No cover; 1108 W. Randolph St. 312-226-5577.

RIVER SHANNON

\$3 Miller Lite and Bud Light drafts, \$4 select shots, \$20 for a domestic bucket and a large pizza; 425 W. Armitage Ave. 312-944-5087.

SPIN

\$1 well drinks and wine, \$1 Miller Lite and High Life drafts, VJ Riley York performs and DJ Chris Eterno spins at 10 p.m. \$5 after 10 p.m.; 800 W. Belmont Ave. 773-327-7711.

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\$3 beer of the month, \$4 Three Olives flavors cocktails; 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600.

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Ladies Night. \$3 cosmos, martinis and mixed drinks; 3213 W. Armitage Ave. 773-772-9800.

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\$1 Miller Lite bottles, half-price burgers, karaoke 9 p.m.; 2610 N. Halsted St. 773-348-5600.

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\$2 domestic bottles, \$6 select sandwiches and salads; 1503 S. Michigan Ave. 312-588-0230.

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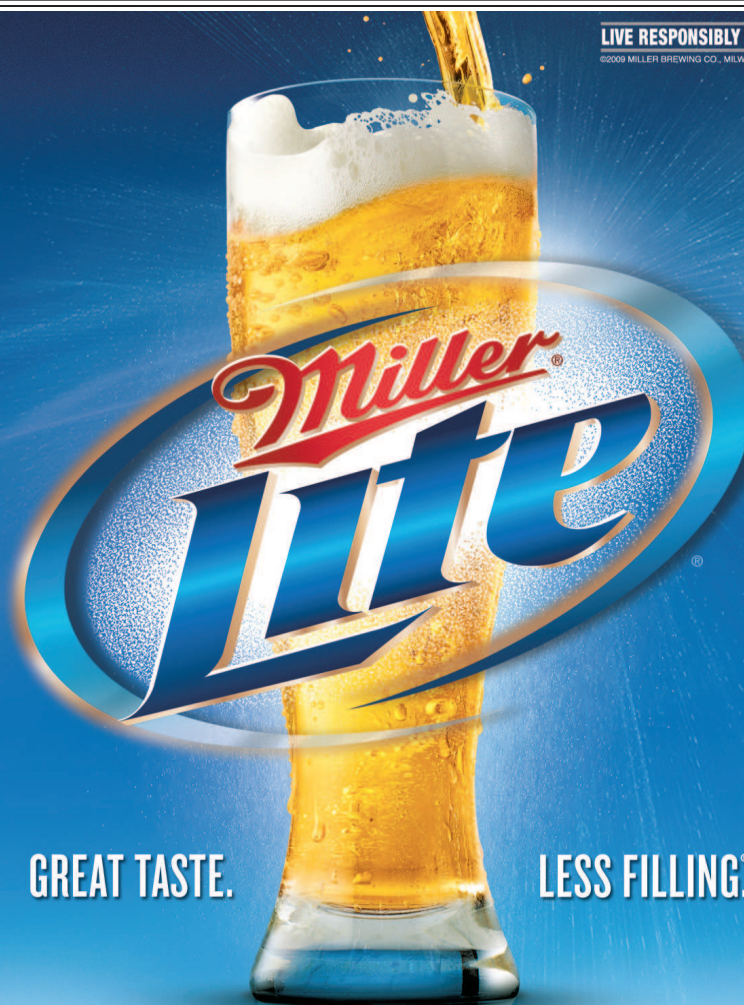
A: At a sporting event

Q: What's your favorite bartending moment?

A: When the bar turns the music off and everyone knows ALL the words to the country songs

Q: What's the best vacation spot you've been to?

A: Greek Islands



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Leslie Hunt

Leslie Hunt's Chicago personality test

Fave bar: Cleo's

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"American Idol": Hell

Paula Abdul: Retarded

Familiar face

You may recognize Leslie Hunt from 'Idol,' but she's thriving on her own

By Matt Pais

When pursuing musical opportunities, Leslie Hunt sometimes doesn't even mention that she gained a certain degree of fame from making the "American Idol" top 20 in 2007.

If she does mention it, the Ukrainian Village-based singer-songwriter often qualifies the reference: "You might remember me from such monstrosities as 'American Idol,'" she'll say, "where I hilariously made it to 17th place."

LOCAL FOCUS

Leslie Hunt

When: 8:30 p.m. Thursday

Where: Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave.

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Yes, despite the show earning her devoted fans in Korea and Sweden, Hunt's not particularly proud of her experience on the TV juggernaut—for which she calls auditioning "a silly decision."

Whatever. Hunt, 27, is now on to brighter things with the release of her official full-length debut, "Your Hair is on Fire," a sophisticated blend of heartfelt pop (just try to listen to "American Dream Man" and not hum it all day) and gloomier tracks like "Down Day." The record certainly reflects the light and dark sides of Hunt, who, with the same people but in different costumes, also plays in the prog-rock group District 97.

Before her CD release show, an eight-months-pregnant Hunt checked in to chat about life after "Idol" and how expectant mothers make more energetic performers.

How self-conscious are you on the CTA? Do you assume everyone is trying to remember why you look familiar?

It's funny. It's been a couple years now, so I'm kinda used to it. But I get that a lot, where it's like, "Oh my gosh! Did you go to school in Miami? Were we in the same sorority?" People just come up with these things. "Do you work at Applebee's?" [I'm] just like, "No. Do you watch TV though?" "Yeah." "Do you watch 'American Idol'?" They're like, "Oh, my God!" It usually takes a couple memory jogs on my part.

How does the Leslie Hunt on "American Idol" compare to Leslie Hunt now?

When I was on the show, I wasn't really sure what kind of a record I would have made. I had been writing, but I didn't have a product and I wasn't very clear about my artistic image, or the general direction or sound that I wanted. I was kind of disillusioned and thought maybe I was a soul singer. The producers would say, "So, what kind of a record would you make if you won?" And I'm like, "I don't really know." And they were like, "Red flag! Red flag!" So I think that they didn't really show me as much because they were just like, "Oh, she's not the rocker or the big diva that will wear a boa and a long sparkly gown." How I'm different is I know what it is that I'm doing and I've got the confidence now and the experience and the wherewithal and the good humor to put on a really damn good show.



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The verdict: Encapsulating the feeling of youth with smashing success, Japandroids create a wall of defiant, let's-never-grow-up energy behind scorching tunes like "Wet Hair." Their songs are odes to sex and booze and freedom with just a dash of melancholy, like these guys know nothing lasts forever but are damned

determined to appreciate the opportunity to make noise, get messy and, on "Young Hearts Spark Fire," be "too drunk to feel it." The band boasts a wonderfully fuzzy, two-against-the-world attitude, whether it's you and your pal, you and your girl, or you and your guitar. The record is essential listening for the trip from your parents' house to college—or after high-tailing it out of college to somewhere with even less responsibility.

Did you know? According to press materials, the garage rockers originally intended to be a trio, but "decided to forgo the logistical nightmare of having a 'lead singer' and do it themselves."

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What makes your live show great?

I'm out of my mind, and I'm totally out front dancing around. Even though I'm pregnant, it doesn't matter.

You're still able to go as crazy as ever?

In some ways I have more energy. When you're pregnant you've got more blood and more oxygen and you're on this natural high all the time. Your mood is very stable, because you're never randomly drinking or randomly having cigarettes or crashing from caffeine, because you're 100 percent sober all the time.

How do you describe your current sound in five words or less?

Progressive indie-pop in a dress.

Would you rather be Kelly Clarkson or Katy Perry?

Katy Perry. I don't know, though, because Katy Perry is all shtick and Kelly Clarkson actually has a really incredible voice. ... I

appreciate Katy Perry's balls, and I think this is a really powerful, wonderful time for women to be in rock and women to be performing, because we can pretty much cover whatever subject we want. ... I'm more into Lady Gaga to tell you the truth. I feel like she's hip as hell right now.

Tell me something random about yourself.

I'm always out walking my dog, pretty much all the time. That's how I come up with my songs; I walk around. I've never really written a song sitting down before.

Does your dog get a writing credit?

My husband is really, really mad at me that I didn't credit [my cocker spaniel Maya] on the liner notes, because she's a huge part of my life. I didn't really thank her because ... she knows without me having to put it into words. We have a connection.

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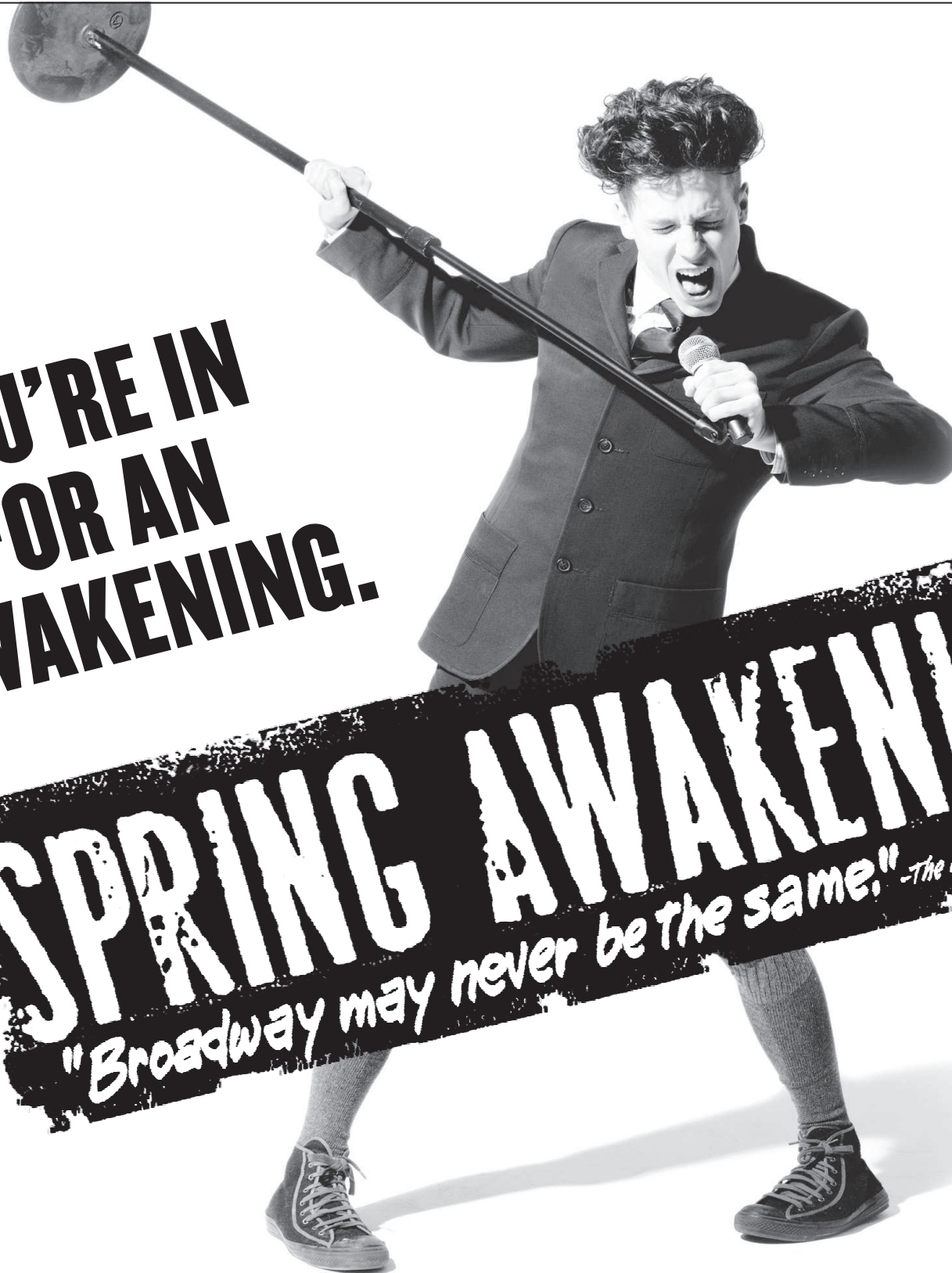
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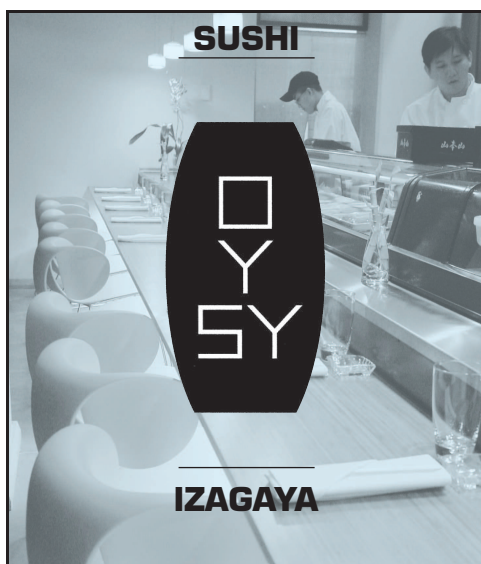
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How 524 recipes and one Web site cooked up a book and a movie

Associated Press

Julie Powell says she wasn't thinking book or movie deal when she began blogging her recipe-by-recipe adventure through Julia Child's "Mastering the Art of French Cooking."

She was just looking for an escape from a series of dead-end jobs that had put a damper on her dreams of becoming a writer. But Powell found more than an outlet with her "Julie & Julia Project."

Her blog became a memoir, "Julie and Julia: 365 Days, 524 Recipes, 1 Tiny Apartment Kitchen," which was later, "Julie and Julia: My Year of Cooking Dangerously," which then inspired "Julie & Julia," opening Friday and starring Meryl Streep and Amy Adams.

"I had no idea what it was going to do for me when I started," Powell said of her blog, which she started in 2002 at age 29. "It was really sort of a personal project to cut out a piece of my daily existence, purely for me, that gave me a creative outlet so the rest of my life didn't seem so stultifying."

Few bloggers will come close to Powell's success, especially since there are 133 million blogs on the Web, according to Technorati, which has kept track since 2002.

Even Powell admits she was "at the right place at the right time." The blogosphere was a much smaller place seven years ago,

making it easier for frustrated secretaries like herself and fans of Child to stumble upon it.

"It's such a challenge to keep up a blog now," said Powell, who blogs only occasionally now. "It requires a great deal of rigor, discipline, a real stick-to-it-ness."

Most people are not starting a blog to find stardom, according to Jennifer McLean of Technorati. Technorati's State of the Blogosphere 2008 report showed the top reasons are self-expression and sharing expertise, followed by networking and gaining entry into the media world.

But there has been a rise in a "professional class of bloggers," McLean said.

Perez Hilton.com had about 2.7 million unique visitors in June, according to marketing research company comScore. Leo Babauta, creator of **zenhabits.net**, had considerably fewer at 113,000, but he's one of



Julie Powell
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Amy Adams
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I learned to cook better, but I also gained the confidence and the skills to be a writer and turn my life around and start doing what I wanted to do for a living.”

JULIE POWELL
on her blogging experience. The author cooked for the Tribune last week. Find more at chicagotribune.com

5 TIPS FOR BLOGGING SUCCESS

Chances are, your blog is not going to land you a book or movie deal like Julie Powell or gain you infamy like Perez Hilton. But it can bring you some kind of success. Here's how:

1 Blog about what you are passionate about, said Jennifer McLean of Technorati. Start with what you want to write and hope it resonates with people, Powell said. "Get back to the basics of 'I'm going to do this because I love it.' Whatever 'it' is."

2 Make sure you post frequently, said Gretchen Rubin, who blogs about happiness. "That is a sign of vitality on a blog." Have a clear idea of what you are blogging about. Blogs do better when you have a focus.

3 If you are an aspiring author, show that you have a loyal following, said Brooke Warner, senior editor at Seal Press. "When someone says I get 25,000 unique visitors a month, we pay attention," she said.

4 Develop your unique voice. Powell, who blogged about cooking Julia Child recipes, had a "unique hook—nobody else had done that," said Ellen Gerstein, vice president of marketing for John Wiley & Sons. She also brought a lot of humor to her blog.

5 Spend time on marketing, said Darren Rowse of **probblogger.net**. With millions of blogs on the Web, writing posts isn't enough to attract followers. Focus on writing guest posts for other blogs or networking, for example. **AP**



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Want to know wine? Listen to the grapevine

Did you know there are about 10,000 known varieties of grapes used to make wine?

That's according to the "Oxford Companion to Wine," which notes that each has its own unique flavor, color, structure and aroma profile.

The choice of grape variety often is listed on the label of the wine, but in most European countries, government laws require the appellation or growing region to be listed instead. In the U.S., if a grape variety is listed on the label, then the wine must be made from at least 75 percent of the stated grape—anything less is categorized as a table wine.

The color of the grapes' skin determines what color of wine can be produced: Generally, white wine is made from green grapes, and red wine is made from dark-skinned red grapes. But a white wine can be made from red grapes as long as the juice is not allowed to stay in contact with the skins.

As with any other agricultural product, each grape variety comes with a specific set of requirements as to where it can be planted. The farmer must consider the soil type, climate, water availability and sun exposure for a given plot of land and determine what grape variety would be best suited to these conditions before planting a vineyard. Certain grape varieties such as chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon take well to wine-making techniques such as barrel maturation, while other grapes, including riesling, are best when made with minimal interference. **REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR ALPANA SINGH IS DIRECTOR OF WINE AND SPIRITS FOR LETTUCE ENTERTAIN YOU ENTERPRISES AND THE HOST OF "CHECK, PLEASE!" ON WTTW.**

Grape expectations

Pinot grigio

Light-bodied, tart and citrusy when planted in cooler regions. Can also be round and tropical fruit-flavored if grown in warmer areas.

Sauvignon blanc

Light-bodied, green apple-flavored and herbaceous.

Gewurztraminer

Full-bodied, extremely aromatic and floral, seldom aged in oak barrels in order to preserve the perfumed aroma.

Chardonnay

Medium-bodied with flavors of baked apples. Takes well to oak aging, which gives flavors of baking spices, vanilla and coconut in oak.

Pinot noir

Thinner skins yield a lighter color with flavors of tart cherries, raspberries and strawberries.

Merlot

Softer, velvet-like texture with flavors of red plums, chocolate and blackberries. Often blended with cabernet sauvignon to soften out its rough edges.

Cabernet sauvignon

Thicker skins give a darker-colored wine with flavors of cassis, dark berries and black plums.

Malbec

Thicker skins also result in a darker-colored wine with flavors of blackberries, earth and chocolate.

TALK BACK

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ACROSS

- 1 Judge's mallet
- 6 Is mistaken
- 10 Messy person
- 14 "That's ___"; signature song for Dean Martin
- 15 Tardy
- 16 Skin opening
- 17 Passes out
- 18 Valuables
- 20 Suffix for Japan or Peking
- 21 Loafer or clog
- 23 Hair braid
- 24 Night light?
- 25 Assemble
- 27 Containing salt
- 30 Warsaw resident
- 31 Implore
- 34 Lemony drinks
- 35 Thin porridge
- 36 Anger
- 37 Look at with enjoyment
- 41 BPOE member
- 42 Went skyward
- 43 Amount to swallow
- 44 King: Sp.
- 45 Ewes' mates
- 46 Stage settings
- 48 Shoe bottom
- 49 Signify
- 50 Item of value
- 53 Freshly cut, as grass
- 54 Make a choice
- 57 Sources of delight
- 60 More gentle
- 62 Incline
- 63 Miffed
- 64 Chicago airport
- 65 Mineral springs
- 66 Peepers
- 67 Places in order of importance

DOWN

- 1 Sporting event
- 2 Singing brothers' name
- 3 Cast a ballot
- 4 Before, in song
- 5 Thing learned
- 6 Composer and singer ___ John
- 7 Uncommon
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| 10 Gush forth | 30 Iron clothes | 49 Got Ten Commandments |
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| 12 Mine deposits | 32 Uneven | 51 Piece of paper |
| 13 Mrs. Harry S. Truman | 33 Kelly & Barry | 52 Actress Ward |
| 19 Cold and hard | 35 Misshapen folklore dwarf | 53 Measly |
| 22 Garden tool | 38 Fortunetellers' decks | 54 Asian nation |
| 24 Feel the loss of | of cards | 55 ___ up; gladden |
| 25 Small rodent | 39 Spoken | 56 Uno y dos |
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LAND OF NODS

An early look at MTV Video Music Award nominations

Hope you're ready for a fight, Lady Gaga.

The Queen of Scene is up against Beyonce as the front-runner at this year's MTV Video Music Awards—both landed nine nods apiece for the Sept. 13 show, according to an announcement from the network Tuesday.

Naturally, they each released statements acknowledging the honors.

"I've been blessed this year to have 'Single Ladies' become a video people really connected with and responded to," the network quoted Beyonce as saying. "I've spent so much time watching all the great versions

people created all around the world. It's beautiful to feel you touch people and bring a song to life with a video."

From Gaga we got this comment, according to MTV: "Thank you, MTV, for being our video flagship, and for supporting this bunch of inspired kids, who love to get wasted and make art together."

Straight classy, ladies. Here's a look at some of the other nominations along with RedEye's take on the matchups.

VIDEO OF THE YEAR

- » Beyonce, "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)"
- » Lady Gaga, "Poker Face"
- » Eminem, "We Made You"
- » Kanye West, "Love Lockdown"
- » Britney Spears, "Womanizer"

REDEYE'S TAKE: It's not like any of these other videos inspired people around the world to dance in their underwear. Go, single ladies!

BEST FEMALE VIDEO

- » Lady Gaga, "Poker Face"
- » Beyonce, "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)"
- » Taylor Swift, "You Belong With Me"
- » Katy Perry, "Hot N Cold"
- » Kelly Clarkson, "My Life Would Suck Without You"
- » Pink, "So What"

REDEYE'S TAKE: Gotta get Gaga in somewhere. Show us your poker face!

Beyonce and Lady Gaga lead the awards show with nine nominations apiece.

BEST NEW ARTIST

- » Lady Gaga, "Poker Face"
- » Drake, "Best I Ever Had"
- » 3OH!3, "Don't Trust Me"
- » Kid Cudi, "Day 'N' Nite"
- » Asher Roth, "I Love College"

REDEYE'S TAKE: Sorry, Asher, but "Day 'N' Nite" just makes for a better ring tone. Seriously, try it.

BEST MALE VIDEO

- » Eminem, "We Made You"
- » Ne-Yo, "Miss Independent"
- » Kanye West, "Love Lockdown"
- » T.I. (featuring Rihanna), "Live Your Life"
- » Jay-Z, "D.O.A."

REDEYE'S TAKE: OK, we'll give this one to T.I. He's had a rough year.

BREAKTHROUGH VIDEO

- » Passion Pit, "The Reeling"
- » Matt and Kim, "Lessons Learned"
- » Yeah Yeah Yeahs, "Heads Will Roll"
- » Bat for Lashes, "Daniel"
- » Anjulie, "Boom"
- » Cold War Kids, "I've Seen Enough"
- » Death Cab for Cutie, "Grapevine Fires"
- » Gnarl Barkley, "Who's Gonna Save My Soul"
- » Chairlift, "Evident Utensil"
- » Major Lazer, "Hold the Line"

REDEYE'S TAKE: Hey, MTV, could you get any more nominations in this category? Yeesh!



GETTY IMAGES



THE QUICK & DIRTY

- » Ashton Kutcher: Demi Moore more "beautiful by the minute."
- » Sacha Baron Cohen rep shoots down music flick rumor
- » "'70s Show" backer eyeing new pilot for Fox

- » Jillian Harris and Ed Swiderski "doing great"
- » Jessica Simpson: Breakup like "a death in the family"
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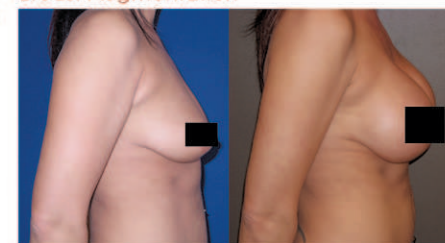
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Bill and Giuliana Rancic

What curse?

Reality show stars sure their marriage can weather the spotlight

Giuliana Rancic and her hubby, Bill Rancic, aren't worried about the divorce rate of married reality show stars.

They're more than ready for "Giuliana & Bill," the Style network series debuting at 8 p.m. Wednesday that chronicles their long-distance marriage. The E! News anchor lives in L.A., while her

husband, the Season 1 "The Apprentice" winner, remains in his hometown of Chicago.

"We thought about it, definitely," Bill Rancic told TV critics in Pasadena, Calif., according to the L.A. Times. "There is that reality-show curse, but this is different. ... It makes being mar-

ried cool."

His wife believes taping the show improved their relationship.

"If you are strong enough as a couple, it can actually be a good thing," she said. "I think I know Bill better now [because] we're forced to learn a lot about the way you deal with issues."

THE VELVET ROPE



Brand

Brand new project

The cocky, sex-crazed glam rocker from "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" is returning for an encore—and he's got the best in the biz writing for him.

Russell Brand, who plays the raucous Aldous Snow, stars in the upcoming "Sarah Marshall" spinoff titled "Get Him to the Greek." Legendary rocker Jarvis Cocker has been tapped to write three songs for the film, **billboard.com** reports. The comedy, which also stars Jonah Hill and Rose Byrne, is expected to be released in 2010.

Kings of comedy

Second City is planning a 50th anniversary to remember. Stars expected to pop in for the December festivities include Jim Belushi, Tim Meadows, "30 Rock's" Jack McBrayer and "The Simpsons" voice actor Dan Castellaneta, among many others, the Tribune reports. Invites also have been sent to famous alums Bill Murray, Tina Fey, Stephen Colbert and Steve Carell, to name a few. And on Dec. 11, Second City will host a reunion of the cast of the comedy show "SCTV," including Martin Short, Harold Ramis and Eugene "Dad from 'American Pie'" Levy. The stars will definitely be out.



New faces

"America's Next Top Model" is coming back this fall with some new celebrity judges. Both Lauren Conrad (above, right) and Kim Kardashian (above, left) will weigh in with their expert opinions as guest judges in separate episodes, according to **people.com**. Another fun fact about the show: It will be the shortest season ever ... literally! None of the models is taller than 5-foot-7.

'Twilight' plagiarism charges

There's drama in the "Twilight" camp, and this time it has nothing to do with Team Edward or Jacob. A writer, Jordan Scott, is accusing "Twilight" author Stephenie Meyer of plagiarism, Reuters reports. Scott, whose obscure book is titled "The Nocturne," claims Meyer lifted passages from her book and plans to sue Meyer, according to Reuters. Meyer's publisher, Hachette Book Group, called the accusation meritless.

9 The number of VMA noms Lady Gaga and Beyonce each nabbed. The stars tied for the most nominations won by an artist this year, reports **ew.com**. See **Page 42** for more VMA news.

WHO'S OUT: JOLIE



WHO'S IN: THE OBAMAS



Dressed to impress

Looks like Angelina Jolie needs to raise her fashion game. The star was dropped from the 2009 Vanity Fair International Best-Dressed List, announced Tuesday. Jolie and partner Brad Pitt were fixtures on the list in 2007 and 2008. Perhaps President Obama and his wife knocked off Jolie—the pair made the cut this year, despite Obama's recent "dad jeans" debacle.